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Partly cloudy and cooler
tonight. Sunday fair and
cooler.

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YANKS SMASH ON--CRUSH HUN COUNTER BLOW

SLACKER LIST MAY BE USED TO GET OTTAWA ITS BOND QUOTA

CAREFUL CHECK TO BE
MADE ON RURAL
DISTRICTS

COMMITTEE 'HET UP'

CAMPAIGN MANAGERS ARE MAK-
ING READY TO USE STRENUOUS
MEANS OF FORCING SLACKERS
TO TAKE THEIR SHARE OF
LOAN.

Formal indications that unless vol-
unteer subscriptions to the Fourth
Liberty Loan were forth coming in
larger volumes, something more stren-
uous than appeal would be used to
get Ottawa its quota, came this morn-
ing in the following communication
from the local drive headquarters.
"The voluntary subscription plan for
the Fourth Liberty Loan for the
Ottawa district is still effective. One
week has now passed and we are
short a quarter of a million dollars of
the quota given us by the government.
We have never yet fallen down and
it is pretty late to allow such ideas
to go broadcast that Ottawa is going
to fall short of her allotment.
"If the good loyal patriotic people
of this community cannot see it clear
enough to loan their government
money in this time of war at 4 1/2
percent then they are blind in their duty
and need some other plan than that
of a volunteer subscription. Mr.
Griggs, chairman of this district, and
his fellow workers propose to over-
look no one in this Fourth Loan, and
it is expected that many generous
responses from red blooded Ameri-
cans will be in evidence all next
week. In the event of failure on the
part of the people then other means
must be devised to put Ottawa "over
the top."

"There are already 15 townships
that have gone over and by a very
comfortable margin. Ottawa's quota is
greater than any other city in this
county and it is necessary that every
man and woman in this district ex-
ercise some horse sense and see to
it that they are on the Roll of Hon-
or."

"The country districts will be
checked up carefully, as well as those
of the city and no guilty man or wom-
an will escape. Do your duty, and do
it now is the slogan in the Ottawa dis-
trict."

From the above it can readily be
realized that the slacker list is not
far from a reality. In other cities the
posting of names of those who failed
to do their bit has worked wonders in
rolling up bond purchases. Such a plan
is under contemplation for those of
the community who cannot show just
and valid reasons for those not play-
ing their part in this loan.

Yesterday's Poll.
At the close of business last night
subscriptions amounting to the follow-
ing were announced by the four Ot-
tawa banks:

No. sub.	Yes.	Total.
First National	1,025	\$ 7,000
National City	728	17,150
Ottawa B. & T.	352	159,195
Peoples T. & S.	137	21,750
Total	2,242	\$24,200 \$541,850

AGED RESIDENT DIES OF SPANISH GRIP

Mrs. Foster P. Thompson, well
known Rutland township woman
passed away this morning at 10
o'clock, death resulting from pneumo-
nia superinduced by influenza.
Mrs. Thompson was born in Jefferson
county, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1837, coming
to Illinois in the Spring of 1894. Her
husband died in November 1887.
Surviving she leaves two child-
ren--Oscar W., and LaMotte, both
residing at home.

The funeral will be held at the
residence Monday afternoon at 1:30
o'clock and burial will be in Ottawa
Avenue cemetery.

What Saves Us.
The thing that saves us in this life
is an occasional opportunity to smile
at its follies.---Baltimore Sun.

NEW JERSEY WAR PLANT EXPLOSION TAKES TOLL OF 100

LOADING COMPANY WORKS NEAR
PERTH AMBOY, N. J., WRECKED
IN BLAST--EXPLOSION FROM
UNKNOWN CAUSE.

BULLETIN

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$3,000,000.
New York, Oct. 5.--Explosions
continue today at Morgan, N. J.,
where the shell-loading plant of
the T. A. Gillespie & Co. blew up
last night. It was estimated that
the property damage now amounts
to \$3,000,000.

Estimates of casualties vary
from 50 to 200 dead and 1,000 in-
jured. At noon today federal au-
thorities ordered all the residents
of Tottenville out of that vicinity.
Tottenville is just across the bay
from Perth Amboy, which is near
Morgan.

Orders to evacuate Sayreville
township, with an aggregate popu-
lation of 62,000, were also issued
by the military authorities.

Vice President Yates of the Gil-
lespie company shortly after noon
said that 500 men were in the
building in which the first explo-
sion occurred. He expressed a
belief that no more than 90 of the
500 were killed.

"The explosion and fire which
wrecked our plant was purely an
accident," T. A. Gillespie, presi-
dent of the company, said today
in a statement.

"It was not due to carelessness
on the part of anyone, and there
is no suspicion of German work,"
the statement continues.

South Amboy, N. J., Oct. 5.--More
than one hundred workmen are be-
lieved to have been killed last night
when an explosion wrecked the huge
plant of the T. A. Gillespie Loading Co.
at Morgan's Station. The full night
shift was at work at the time and it
is said there were perhaps two thou-
sand men in the building.

Scores of injured have been brought
here and to Perth Amboy. These
men and many were stunned, but
were able to crawl from the build-
ings.

More Than 12 Explosions.

Telephone connections could not be
established with Morgan, but at the
T. A. Gillespie offices at Gillespie,
near by, it was said more than a
dozen explosions occurred at the Mor-
gan plant.

The first explosion starting from
an unknown cause, set fire to one
of several hundred small buildings
situated for more than two miles
along the Chesapeake Creek. The
flames spread from building to build-
ing, starting a series of explosions.

Frantic with fear, women seized
their children, rushed into the streets
and, seeing a volume of smoke rolling
towards them, ran to the bridge
which leads over the Raritan River
towards Perth Amboy.

Doctors Rushed to Scene.

There is no hospital at Morgan.
In addition to the twenty-five doc-
tors sent from here, with several am-
bulances, all surrounding cities and
towns were called upon to provide
medical assistance.

Fire apparatus was summoned from
Rahway, New Brunswick, Perth Am-
boy and even as far away as Eliza-
beth.

Two hundred coast guards have
been thrown in a cordon about the
plant at Morgan and are barring all
persons except rescuers from enter-
ing the danger zone.

"NO MORE WARS LIKE THIS," SAYS OTTAWA SOLDIER IN FRANCE

UNCLE SAM'S FIGHTING MEN
WANT TO MAKE A GOOD JOB
OF THE PRESENT ONE BEFORE
COMING HOME.

"Victory, full and complete will be
ours. The A. E. F. will be home
this time next year. The scene of
desolation around Albert is indescrib-
able. We want to be sure and make
this the last war. Much as we would
like to come home we all want to
carry the same scenes beyond the
Rhine."

With these curt-to-the-point para-
graphs in a brief letter home Lieut.
Glenn Weese, of the 129th Infantry
(the old Third I. N. G.) gives a graphic
version of the attitude of Uncle
Sam's fighting boys "over there."
The Lieutenant has, at his last
writing been with Colonel Charles
D. Center, former Fall River township
boy, now in command of a regiment
of Illinois troops in France.

Lieut. Weese says:
France, Sept. 14th 1918

Dear Father and Mother:
This is the first opportunity I have
had to write to you in nearly three
weeks, and I am afraid there will be
a gap in my letters that may alarm
you, but I am perfectly alright.

As stated in my last letter, I was
left behind for special military duty,
and there has been no American
Field Postoffice available.

I expect to rejoin my command
within a week, when I will get my
mail and hear the news. I am with
Col. Charles D. Center, who was
born in Fall River. He is a brother
of Ralph and he knows father. He is
perfectly splendid. The British placed
a large touring car at his disposal,
and it feels like old times to sit on
leather and spin around.

I have had a chance to roam around
battlefields and have a good look.

I was inside the Cathedral at
-- yesterday, and it was wonderful.
I will have much to tell when I get
home.

The rainy season has set in and it
rains almost every ten minutes.
By the way I was in Belgium two
days.

The scene of desolation around Al-
bert is indescribable. We want to
make this the last war. Much as we
would like to carry the same scenes
beyond the Rhine.

The tide has turned--Victory, full
and complete will be ours. The A.
E. F. will be home by this time next
year.

With love, as ever,
GLENN.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN, OFFICIALS SAY

Ottawa schools will not be closed
because of the Spanish influenza,
stated Dr. W. A. Pike, city health com-
missioner, this afternoon, in denial of
a report that he had ordered the
graded and parochial institutions to
suspend studies until after danger of
a further spread of the contagion
was past.

"I have not heard anything about
the report and I have issued no orders
to close the schools," said Dr. Pike.

Both Superintendent C. J. Byrne of
the public schools and Principal
Charles H. Kingman of the high
school denied having the truth of any
such report.

MINERS BUY TEN MILLIONS IN BONDS

Springfield, Oct. 5.--Union miners
of Illinois have purchased 10,000,000
worth of Liberty Bonds according to
an estimate made by Walter Nesbit,
secretary-treasurer of the Illinois
United Mine Workers of America. He
declares the miners through individ-
ual subscriptions have purchased \$9,
000,000 worth of the bonds and the
union itself \$1,000,000. The latter re-
cently subscribed \$500,000 for the
Fourth Loan.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

MAKE TWO-MILE GAIN ON
EIGHT-MILE FRONT.
London, Oct. 5 (6:10 p. m.)--
American troops have advanced
two miles over an eight-mile front
between the Meuse and Aisne
rivers, capturing several towns.

RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THINGS



YANKS AND JACKIES FORMER LOCAL BOY WITH WAR EXHIBIT DIES AT CAMP GRANT; TO BRING BODY HERE

TWENTY-FOUR REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF UNCLE SAM'S LAND
AND SEA FORCES WILL BE IN
OTTAWA WITH TRAIN CARRY-
ING TROPHIES.

The war exhibit train will be at the
Rock Island station promptly at 7:45
Monday morning and will remain just
two hours. There is a crew of twenty-
four men, twelve soldiers from
Camp Grant and twelve sailors from
Great Lakes. They will be taken for
breakfast at the Clifton Hotel, where
the Chamber of Commerce will see
that they have a good, warm meal be-
fore leaving for Seneca.

This is one great opportunity for
the people of this community to see
the many war trophies taken from
the various engagements on the west-
ern front. There is in the exposition
about everything that is used in up-
to-date warfare. There is about
everything shown but the Kaiser him-
self, and he is shown up, however, as
a weak sister in defending his pos-
sessions.

The early hour of arrival will give
an opportunity to the school children
of the city to witness and see for
themselves many of the ponderous
devices designed for human destruc-
tion.

Monday is washday, but it should
not interfere with the women of the
home going to the Rock Island sta-
tion and seeing for themselves some-
thing they may never see again. The
government brings the exhibit to your
door without cost and invites you to
come and see with your own eyes
many of the things you have probably
never heard of.

The train will arrive at 7:45 and
leave at 9:45 for Seneca. Remember
the hour, 7:45 to 9:45, Monday morn-
ing. Don't make any excuse after the
train has pulled out and say you are
sorry you did not see it. You had bet-
ter take advantage of seeing an ex-
hibit that 2,000,000 people "broke
their necks" to see.

HAS THROAT CUT IN FALL UPON GLASS

Falling as a large plate slipped
while he and a force of men were
pushing the glass onto one of the
grinding table at the Federal Plate
Glass factory this morning, Tony
Pousch, aged about 40 years, suffered
a badly cut throat and was removed
to Ryburn Hospital, where medical at-
tention was given him.

Both sides of Pousch's neck were
badly cut, but fortunately the wind-
pipe was not severed. His condition
is not rated as serious.

PRIVATE THOMAS C. WHITE, SON OF MATTHEW WHITE, EXPIRES AT BASE HOSPITAL FOLLOW- ING ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

Announcement in Ottawa last night
of the death at Camp Grant of Pri-
vate Thomas C. White, son of Mrs.
Mary White and the late Matthew
White, caused deepest sorrow among
the many friends of the young man
here. Entering army life on Septem-
ber 5, Private White was taken ill
a week ago of Spanish influenza,

which rapidly developed into pneu-
monia. The end came at the base
hospital late Friday afternoon.

Thomas C. White was inducted into
the army from Aurora, where he re-
sided with his mother, a sister and a
brother. He looked upon his work
in Uncle Sam's forces as a rare oppor-
tunity to do his bit for his country.

He assumed his military duties with
feverish desire to advance and at the
same time equip himself for the task
before him. That his aspirations
should be so suddenly terminated
makes his death all the more sad. A
bright youth, disposed in personality
to be retiring, Private White was ev-
erything in his mode of living. He
was attentive and devoted to his
aged mother with whom there was a
strong attachment.

Born in South Ottawa township
about twenty-eight years ago, Thomas
White spent his boyhood and young
manhood days in Ottawa. About four
years ago, with his mother, he moved
to Aurora, where he made his home
up to the time he went into training.

Surviving he leaves his mother,
one sister, Miss May White, and three
brothers, Matthew of Aurora, Edward
of Chicago, and James of Edgewood,
Ill. A sister, Miss Catherine White,
died in Aurora during the early part
of the year.

The body will be brought to Ottawa
and taken to the home of Mrs. Law-
rence White, 1027 Clinton street. No
time for the arrival of the remains
or the burial can be fixed until word
has been received when the body can
be shipped. Funeral services will be
conducted at St. Columba church and
burial will be in St. Columba ceme-
tery.

Daily Thought.
No really great man ever thought
himself so.---Hazlitt.

ENEMY PUT TO ROUT IN VICTORIOUS FIGHT ON CHAMPAGNE LINE

American troops in new attacks are again ad-
vancing on a wide front on both sides of the Ar-
gonne forest.

PERIOD FOR RETURN OF QUESTIONNAIRES EXPIRES THIS P. M.

DRAFT BOARD NOW READY TO
CALL MEN FOR PHYSICAL EX-
AMINATIONS--GET READY TO
TREAT WITH BELATED REGIS-
TRANTS.

Today is the last day for return of
questionnaires sent out by the local
draft board to members of the 1918
classes of the age 19-21 and 21-36.
Reports from exemption headquarters
show that practically all of the ques-
tion sheets have been filled out and
properly returned with only a few
instances of dilatory ones among the
1,500 or more men eligible for army
service under the modified war de-
partment order.

Steps are now being taken to bring
the belated arrivals to time. The last
of the questionnaires were sent out
Saturday, Sept. 28, and the seven
days period for having them filled out
and returned expired today.

The legal advisory board which
worked tirelessly in aiding registrants
with their questionnaires have com-
pleted one of the biggest chores put
up to a batch of lawyers. The serv-
ice was rendered gratis and much
commendation is due the advisory
board for the efficient and capable
manner in which it disposed of the
work.

While no official date for medical
examinations of men in Class 1 has
been named, the board is going ahead
with its plan for calling the draftees
during the next week. All men of
Class 1 will be called before the doc-
tors undergo health or preparatory
tests to undergo health tests prepar-
atory to their admission into the
service. No figures are obtainable at
the present giving the grades of the
various registrants, but the board is
assured of enough men for duty to
fill all calls of this fall and winter
before having to dip into the 36-45
class for recruits to fill out quotas.

One Claim at a Time.

Industrial or occupational claims
filed by registrants given deferred
classification for dependency will not
be passed upon, a ruling issued today
yesterday by the district exemption
board declared.

The new policy, a radical depart-
ure from the former draft procedure,
was approved by Provost Marshal
General Crowder and will be com-
municated to local boards today.

The formal order directs occupa-
tional claims should continue to be
made in questionnaires, but where
other deferment exists, should be filed
by local boards without action. In
case of subsequent reclassification,
such registrants will be allowed seven
days in which to complete their oc-
cupational claims.

As a result of the order, district
boards will consider occupational
claims only if filed by men otherwise
placed in Class 1.

DISTRICT BAR ASSN. MEETS AT PRINCETON

Many from Ottawa will attend the
meeting of the Fifth District Bar As-
sociation Oct. 11 at Princeton. The
convention will consist of an after-
noon and evening programs inter-
persed with a banquet at the Coun-
try Club. Reservations for table
covers are now being made by Cairo
A. Trimble, Princeton attorney.

East of the forest the
Americans now stand
on high ground, domin-
ating the Kriemhilde line over a front
of twenty miles.

West of the Argonne the Ameri-
cans have increased their total gains
to about eight miles. In the Cham-
pagne district the Americans have
stormed St. Etienne and the woods
to the north advancing about six
miles since Thursday morning.

With virtually all of the Argonne
forest in their hands the Americans
are now driving against the Vouziers-
Laon railway. They were only two
miles distant today.

The Belgians have lunged ahead
nine miles on a twenty-five mile front
taking 10,500 prisoners, while the
British have advanced to a point only
five miles from Lille.

Especially violent counter blows
were directed against the Americans
where Germany's crack troops were
thrown into the struggle.

America's soldiers smashed the
counter assaults and hurled the Ger-
mans back.

While the British keep up their
pursuits of the fleeing Germans be-
hind the Belgian frontier and the
Arras-Douai lines they are still ham-
mering the bolches on the Cambrai-
St. Quentin front, where further pro-
gress was realized during the night.

Apparently the French have ex-
tended their lines northward taking
over part of the British front, north-
east of St. Quentin. Attacks in that
sector met with fine success late yes-
terday, and during the night.

French pressure further south cen-
tered north of Rheims, where more
crossings of the Aisne canal were
forced.

The French have extended their
lines six miles north of Rheims.

Turks Mutiny.
Zurich, Oct. 5.--Mutiny is reported
to have broken out in the Turkish
army.

Ten thousand deserters marched
upon Constantinople demanding the
surrender of Talaat Bey and Enver
Pasha from the ministry, said a dis-
patch received here today.

There were clashes between the de-
serters and loyal troops, but the re-
sult of these pitched battles is un-
known.

An army of deserters has grown up
in Asia Minor and this force has cap-
tured a number of towns.

Yanks Take Objectives.

With the American Army on the
Champagne front, Oct. 5--American
troops that attacked with General
Gouraud's French army in Champagne
yesterday have reached St. Etienne,
three miles north-west of Me-
deah Farm. The assault was resumed
this morning.

(Medeah Farm was taken by the
Americans in their first dash Thurs-
day.)

After driving northward astride the
Somme-Attigny highway, the Ameri-
cans swung to the northeast.

Bulgars Blame Turks.

Rome, Oct. 5.--Bulgaria learned
through American channels that Tur-
key was negotiating for peace more
than a month ago, said a Geneva dis-
patch to the Epocha today. This dis-
covery, said the dispatch, resulted in
the Bulgarian armistice.

Continue Advance.

With the American Army North-
west of Verdun, Oct. 5 (8 a. m.)--The
Americans, who began a new attack
between the Argonne forest and the
Meuse River yesterday, were still
going ahead today. The operations
were described as "continuing favor-
ably."

Fine fighting weather prevailed this
morning. The air was crisp and the
sun was shining.

All German counter attacks have
been repulsed.

Break Through Old Line.

With the American Army North-
west of Verdun, Oct. 5--American
troops today penetrated the famous
Kriemhilde line, entering a spur
trench. The line was pierced in the
Gosnes region and the American ad-
vance was continuing.

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